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FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL

FOLLOWING REPEAT MASERU 1064 SENT ACTION SECSTATE GABORONE
MBABANE SEP 19

QUOTE

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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY SCHAUFELE

E.O. 11652: C/A
TAGS/ OTRA, LT
SUBJECT: LESOTHO INDEPENDENCE PROGRAM

REF: STATE 229546

1. LESOTHO INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY PROGRAM NOT YET AVAIALAVLE IN FINAL FORM BUT FOLLOWING PROPOSED PROGRAM ELICITED ORALLY FROM GOL PROTOCOL. INDIVIDUAL PROGRAM FOR ASST. SECY. SCHAUFELE (SCHEDULE OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH PM/FONMIN) NOT YET AVAIL-ABLE.

2. ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL, FONMIN WILL HOST RECEPTION FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1 AT 1830. IN EMBASSY VIEW, HOWEVER, THIS MAY NOT
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MATERIALIZE SINCE IT APPEARS MOST DELS ARRIVING SATURDAY. IN ANY

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CASE, IN
OUR VIEW IT IS NOT RPZ NOT NECESSARY TO CONSIDER FRIDAY ARRIVAL.
HOWEVER, PROPOSED ARRIVAL IN MASERU (PARA 1 REFTEL) AT 1150 OCT 2
SAT. CONFLICTS WITH ANTICIPATED ARRIVALS OF AFRICAN HEADS OF STATE AN
GOL PROTOCOL REQUESTS, THEREFORE, THAT SCHAUFELE ARRIVAL BE ADVANCED
TO 1115. MORNING ARRIVAL MUCH PREFERRED, BUT IF THIS NOT POSSIBLE,
GOL SUGGESTS POSTPONING ARRIVAL TO 1600 SAT.

3. PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR INDEPENDENCE ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION IS
OUTLINED BELOW. THERE MAY BE SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES HOW-
EVER, SINCE MUCH DOES NOT YET HAVE CABINET LEVEL APPROVAL.

OCT 1 FRI 1830 RECEPTION HOSTED BY FOREIGN MINISTER

OCT 2 SAT 1400 OPENING OF NATIONAL EXHIBITION

1500 OPENPNG OF CANNING FACTORY

1800 OPENING OF NTTC LEARNING CENTER

PRIVETE DINNER
ARRANGEMENTS

OCT 3 SUN 0900 JOINT CHURCH SERVICE
FOLLOWED BY TRADITIONAL DANCING

LUNCHEON PERIOD OPEN

1830 RECEPTION HOSTED BY PRIME MINISTER

PRIVATE DINNER ARRANGEMENTS

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

OCT 4 MON 0900 PARADE WITH HIS MAJESTY PRESENT

LUNCHEON OPEN

1400 UNVEILING OF STATUE OF EARLY MOSTHO WAR HERO

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1600 FOOTBALL MATCH WITH HIS MAJESTY PRESENT

2000 STATE DINNER HOSTED BY HIS MAJESTY

4. AT THIS JUNCTURE, THERE IS NO RPT NO EXPECTATION THAT A SPEECH OR
PUBLIC STATEMENT IS EXPECTED. WE ARE FREE TO DECIDE WHETHER ASST.
SECY SCHAUFELE SHOULD MAKE A STATEMENT OR NOT. EMBASSY BELIEVES
IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR HIM TO DO SO AND IS PREPARING PROPOSED TEXT.

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THERE WOULD ALSO BE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK WITH INFORMATION MEDIA REPS
IF DESIRED. WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT DECISION AS TO DESIRABILITY
OF MEETING WITH MEDIA SHOULD BE POSTPONED PENDING OUTCOME OF
SECRETARY'S MEETINGS IN PRETORIA.

5. ONLY REAL PROBLE WITH SUGGESTED ITINERARY FOR ASST SECY
SCHAUFELE IS DEPARTURE AFTERNOON OF INDEPENDENCE DAY (OCT 4)
WHICH WOULD PRECLUDE HIS PRESENCE AT STATE BANQUET TO BE HOSTED BY
KING MOSHOESHOE II. AS THIS IS HIGH POINT AND CULMINATION OF GOVERN-
MENT-SPONSORED DIPLOMATIC EVENTS, RECOMMEND STRONGLY THAT ASST SECY
POSTPONE HIS DEPARTURE TO MORNING OCT 5 IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

6. WE FORESEE NO SPECIAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS. PROPOSE UTILIZING
AMBASADOR'S APARTMENH (3 OEDROOMS) FOR MR. SCHAUFELE (AND PARTY?).
IN THIS CONNECTION, NEED TO KNMW NAMES OF OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY,
IF ANY.

7. EMBASSY WILL FORWARD SOONEST FIRM PROGRAM, PROPOSED TEXT OF
STATEMENTA, AS WELL AS POINTS WHICH GOL WISHES TO RAISE IN
DISCUSSIONS WITH ASST SECY.
STOKES

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